



McLouth Unified Schools

District No. 342
217 Summit Street
McLouth, Kansas 66054
913-796-2201

July 23, 2020

McLouth USD #342 Families:

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these unprecedented times where information we are receiving changes daily. We know all of you are anxious to see what the school year may look like.

On July 15, the State Board of Education approved an 1,100 page document that provided guidance to districts throughout the state regarding reopening. Also, on July 15 the Governor of Kansas issued an Executive Order stating that schools were not to reopen until after Labor Day. Yesterday, the State Board of Education overturned the Governor's Executive Order allowing the start of school to become a local decision again.

We have a draft copy of the reopening plans. However, we are sure you understand that as the situation around us changes our plans must change to meet the new guidelines and regulations as well.

We want you to know of some of the changes you will be seeing in our school this year. Students and staff will be required to wear masks, this is an Executive Order put out by the Governor. Students and staff will be given two masks that they may wear. Temperature checks will be required upon entering the building. Disinfecting supplies and equipment have been purchased in bulk. There will be a change in cafeteria procedures and bus procedures that will be shared soon.

Parents will be given two options to choose from for their child's education to start the school year. One will be a more traditional on-site option with enhanced health safety procedures. The on-site option may change throughout the year if COVID-19 cases dictated a need to modify instruction. The other option will be a remote learning environment. Those options will be explained in greater detail during your enrollment time.

We know everyone would like more information and as we receive it, we will be sharing it with you. We know as parents you are needing to make decisions about your child's academics and safety and we know it is a stressful time for families in our community.

We remain focused on making this the best school year possible for your children!

Sincerely,

Steve Lilly
McLouth USD #342
Superintendent of Schools

*Together, we learn in a community that promotes academic excellence, respect,
lifelong learning, and responsible citizenship.*